



More than 100 Attend Anson County Career Fair

A total of 105 people came to meet with a variety of employers and representatives of South Piedmont Community College about possible jobs, or classes that could lead to jobs. Participants could also

get their resumes reviewed, and SPCC's Career Cruiser was on hand to provide help with resumes and job applications. "They all seemed very pleased with the employers participating and the programs at South Piedmont," said Kristi Phifer, SPCC's Work First coordinator in Anson County. SPCC Advertising and Graphic Design Instructor Cheryl Hicks said 10 people expressed interest in enrolling in the Advertising and Graphic Design program. A total of 25 employers and vendors participated in this year's event. The Career Fair was sponsored by South Piedmont Community College, the Anson County Department of Social Services, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the N.C. Employment Security Commission and Vocational Rehabilitation. For those who missed this career fair, there will be another one from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 27, on SPCC's Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe. For information, contact Linda Kappauf at 704-290-5215 or lkappauf@spcc.edu.

Anson County Farmers Face Deadline for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments, Other Programs

Anson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting County Executive Director Amy Yaklin is reminding producers that the 2012 deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) program is Friday, June 1.

"Anson County producers interested in DCP should visit the USDA Service Center where their farm is administered and sign up," said Yaklin. "Enrollments cannot be accepted after the deadline. Enrolling early means avoiding a missed deadline during this busy season."

DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for any of the 2008 through 2012 crop years. The two types of DCP payments, direct payments and counter-cyclical payments, are calculated using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. DCP is authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

Other FSA programs including enrollment deadlines include:

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (check with the Anson County FSA Service Center for dates)
- GRAZE-OUT – March 31 for calendar year 2011 crops;
- Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) – June 1;
- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) – June 1, 2012 for crop year 2010;
- 2011 ACRE Production Evidence – July 15;
- Certification of Planted Acres – Various deadlines, but no later than June 30;
- Farm Reconstitutions (changes) – August 1, 2012 for the 2012 crop year;
- MILC – Sept. 30, 2012;
- Crop Insurance – Contact a crop insurance agent or the regional RMA office.

For information on how a late filed provision may apply, or for more information on FSA programs, producers and farmers should contact the Anson County FSA Service Center at 704-694-3516, extension 2. Or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

May Blood Drives in Anson County

- Monday, May 7 at Anson Community Hospital, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday, May 21 at CMH Space Flooring Products, Inc., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Minimum weight for donors is 120 pounds. Information at 704-972-4700.

Adult Basic Computer Class South Piedmont Community College will offer a class called Learning to Use the Computer for Adults/Seniors. It is a 12-hour course that will begin May 15. The registration fee will be waived for those 65 and older who take this course. Mary Kait Rivers will be the instructor for the class. It will be taught at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. For more information or to register, call 704-272-5456.



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